GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
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SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of small scale industries at present in the country, State-wise, location-wise;

(b) whether the Government have taken new initiatives for setting up SSI Units in backward and tribal regions of Bihar;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government are aware of the fact that cottage industries in backward and Tribal areas are facing many problems; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken or proposed to be taken to promote the cottage industries?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (P. R. THAKUR)

(a): The estimated number of Small Scale Industries (SSI) both the registered and the unregistered as at the end of March, 2002 was 34.42 lakhs. The State-wise break up of the SSI units registered with State Directorate of Industries as at the end of March, 2002 is given at the Annexure. Location-wise information is not maintained centrally.

(b) to (d): While the development of Small Scale Industries and Cottage Industries in the States is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments, the Central Government has been helping the States including Bihar in their endeavour of developing these industries by implementing various schemes such as Integrated Infrastructure Development, Consultancy facilities and Service facilities for technological upgradation, entrepreneurship development etc. The Government of Bihar have also been taking special initiatives to encourage SSI / Tiny /artisan units in backward and tribal regions of the State in fruit processing, processing of aromatic & herbal plants, other agro based industries etc. In addition, the Government of Bihar has also identified cluster units in backward and tribal regions with a view to rehabilitate them.

(e): As the cottage industries have grown on cluster basis in the backward and tribal regions, the Government of Bihar have taken steps for extending technological support and marketing support to these clusters.